

FEBRUARY 25, 2020
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., February 25, 2020 in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Crookston, MN. Members present: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the February 25, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda items.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS ISSUE FORUM

1. Presidential Nomination Primary Election Day – March 3, 2020.
2. Presidential Nomination Primary Canvassing – March 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
3. Polk County Township Officers Association Spring Meeting, March 24, 2020, Eagles Club, Crookston, MN.
4. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he attended the Northwestern Mental Health Center meeting where the focus was Board makeup and finances.
5. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he participated in the MPO and ATP - Area Transportation Partnership meetings.
6. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the Crookston City Council meeting.
7. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she participated in mediation as a part of a Personnel Committee issue. She also participated in East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District meeting where the focus was finance and audit. In addition she attended a SCHSAC - State Community Health Services Advisory Committee meeting. She has been receiving calls and emails regarding the county's position on the second amendment sanctuary status.
8. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth discussion regarding concern being raised regarding the Angus Pit lease and bid process. He has been receiving calls and outreach regarding the county's position on the second amendment sanctuary status.

SHERIFF

Jim Tadman, Polk County Sheriff came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. **Resolution (2020-25) Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Ottertail Power Company**

**Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk
County Sheriff's Office From Otter Tail Power Company**

RESOLUTION (2020-25)

The following resolution (2020-25) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, Otter Tail Power Company has made a financial donation of \$5,000.00 to support the Polk County K9 Program in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office and put towards the Polk County K9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donations from Otter Tail Power Company, which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for Polk County K9 Program.

Commissioner Diedrich seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

2. Resolution (2020-26) Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Tonya Murphy On Behalf of JaNan Erickson

Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Tonya Murphy On Behalf Of JaNan Erickson
RESOLUTION (2020-26)

The following resolution (2020-26) was offered by Commissioner Jacobson:

WHEREAS, Tonya Murphy on behalf of JaNan Erickson has made a financial donation of \$71.25 to support the Polk County K9 Program in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office and put towards the Polk County K9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donations from Tonya Murphy, which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for Polk County K9 Program.

Commissioner Strandell seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS:

None.

3. Resolution (2020-27) Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Linda Cournia, Crookston, MN

Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Linda Cournia, Crookston, MN
RESOLUTION (2020-27)

The following resolution (2020-27) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Linda Cournia, Crookston, MN has made a financial donation of \$230.94 to support the Polk County K9 Program in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office and put towards the Polk County K9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donations from Linda Cournia, Crookston, MN which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for Polk County K9 Program.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

4. Monthly Sheriff Reports

The January monthly Sheriff Reports were discussed and presented to the Board. (Monthly reports on file in the Administrator's Office)

HIGHWAY

Richard Sanders, Polk County Highway Engineer along with Nathan Smith, GIS Tech came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Engineering Technician Employment Discussion

Discussion was held with the Board regarding implementing an On the Job Training/Internship Program at the Highway Department to get viable candidates to work as Engineering Technician's in Polk County. This would include advertising for candidates in the High Schools in Polk County and surrounding counties by having them work part-time during the summer months. Pay for their schooling to attend an Engineering Technician Program and employ them for "x" number of years to work off their schooling grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to allow Human Resources and the Highway Department to work together to set up the On the Job Training/Internship Program. (Human Resources and the Highway Department will come back with the Program to allow the Board to review and approve advertising for two positions)

2. GIS Demo – Nathan Smith

A demonstration was given to the Board from Nathan Smith, GIS Tech regarding the updates to the GIS Software and applications that the public can use to find information along with finding the GIS portal on the Polk County Website.

MAPLE LAKE ASSOCIATION

Loren Abel, Mentor, MN and Jana Samuelson, Mentor, MN came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Maple Lake Improvement Association.

1. Dock Canopy Issues

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the dock canopy issues on Maple Lake. The matter was taken under advisement. Ron Galstad, Attorney at Law in East Grand Forks representing Guy Useldinger brought forth concern regarding the potential regulation of Dock Canopies. Jacob Snyder, Polk County Planning and Zoning Administrator provided information regarding process. Shane Johnson and Lonny Paradis, Erskine, MN Union Lake residents brought forth concerns regarding the necessity of moving forward.

FACILITIES

Mark Dietz, Facilities Management Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. East Grand Forks Human Service Center Project Update

An update was given to the Board regarding the East Grand Forks Human Service Center Project.

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., March 3, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair

Charles S. Whiting, Polk County Administrator
Clerk of the Board